

Each and every day, traffic signs provide information, warning and direction for motorists. These signs also become the target for vandalism.

Traffic sign vandalism is a crime that costs the City thousands of dollars each year. An average traffic sign costs over \$75.00 to manufacture and install. This includes the post, sign backing material, sign face, and installation. While not all acts of vandalism require total sign replacement, many do.

In addition to the cost of the city for repair and replacement of vandalized signs, there is another less obvious and potentially tragic cost. A missing STOP sign at an intersection could result in an accident. Likewise, a driver approaching a curve in the road may not react safely if the curve sign had been spray painted. Similarly, a NO PARKING sign that has been vandalized may not be obeyed. By unknowingly improperly parking the driver may have blocked a crosswalk or fire hydrant. In all circumstances, we install traffic signs to serve a specific purpose. Vandalism of these signs always creates a very dangerous condition which could have tragic results.

What can you do about this problem?

We would ask for the following assistance:

1. Don't commit traffic sign vandalism.
2. Report vandalized signs to Traffic Operations. Vandalism to STOP and YIELD signs should be reported to Traffic Operation immediately. After hours, please contact the Police Department.
3. Notify the Police Department if you observe acts of sign vandalism or know of anyone who has illegal possession of a traffic sign.